



RCSA Open Meeting Minutes 2pm Sunday 18th October 2015, JCR



1. Apologies for absence or lateness

N/A

2. Announcement of the presence and purpose of guests

Brian Wang.

3. Approval of the presence and speaking rights of guests

Approved.

4. Approval of the order of the agenda

Grace Atkinson (GA): we've changed the order around. Femsoc is first as Martha has to dash, then philsoc and basketball and the piano motion will go last as it will probably take the longest.

5. Reading by the secretary on request by any member, amendment if necessary and approval of the minutes of any previous Open Meeting not yet accepted by an Open Meeting.

N/A

6. Matters Arising from the minutes

There are no matters arising from the minutes

7. Reports from the Committee

There are no reports from the committee.

8. Questions to the Committee

Mark Driver (MD): When are you giving committee reports?

Greg Barbour (GB): Soon.

9. Extraordinary Motions

N/A

10. Ordinary Motions

a) FemSoc

This motion requires two thirds assent to pass.

RCSA notes:

1. There is demand in college for a forum to discuss feminism.
2. Women's welfare is important to members of the college.

RCSA believes:

1. The discussion of feminism in a safe and recognised forum would be beneficial to the College.
2. The RCSA should officially recognise the Robinson College Feminist Society.

RCSA resolves:

1. To create “Robinson College Feminist Society”
2. That the society will be bound by the constitution of the RCSA.
3. “To amend appendix 1 of the RCSA constitution to include “Robinson College Feminist Society”
4. To approve the “Robinson College Feminist Society” Constitution (see appendix 1).

Proposer: Martha Krish

Seconder: Matt Kite

FOR

Martha Krish (MK): We have a feminist society that has been running successfully over the last year and lots of people like it but I’ve been running it without it being officially a society so I just want to make it official so we can get funding from college. Also, would I have to make an extraordinary motion for this – I have a £100 budget as women’s officer for yoga, which I haven’t used. But we have a fresher who is really up for doing karate empowerment stuff for women, could I use the yoga money?

MD: For RCSA money as long as the whole RCSA budget balances out then you can more or less spend it on whatever.

MK: So it’s ok for me to spend it on karate instead of yoga?

MD: You can reallocate it.

MK: Great, so long as no one makes a fuss.

AGAINST

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QUESTIONS

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VOTE

For: 22

Against: 0

Abstention: 3

This motion passes.

b) PhilSoc

This motion requires two thirds assent to pass.

RCSA notes:

1. Members of the college want to discuss philosophy.
2. There currently exists no forum to discuss philosophy within the college.

RCSA believes:

1. The pursuit of academic philosophy in college would be beneficial to members of the college.
2. The RCSA should officially recognise the Robinson College Philosophy Society.

RCSA resolves:

1. To create “Robinson College Philosophy Society”
2. That the society will be bound by the constitution of the RCSA.
3. To amend appendix 1 of the RCSA constitution to include “Robinson College Philosophy Society”

4. To approve the “Robinson College Philosophy Society” Constitution (see appendix 2).

Proposer: Clemens Oellinger

Seconder: Matt Kite

FOR

Matt Kite: There currently isn't a philosophy society and we would like there to be one. We don't know exactly what form that it's going to take yet but we wanted to get it created this week so if we need funding we can get it at the budget meeting.

AGAINST

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QUESTIONS

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VOTE

For: 22

Against: 0

Abstention: 3

This motion passes.

c) Basketball

RCSA Notes:

1. Basketball players need balls.

RCSA Believes:

1. Basketball players need balls.
2. Balls are good.

RCSA Resolves:

1. To transfer £200 from Court Hire to Equipment. This can be used to buy balls.

Proposer: James Baker

Seconder: Thomas Folley

FOR

MD: It's a good motion, they say where the money is coming from; they just want to move money around, so they can spend it all.

AGAINST

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QUESTIONS

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VOTE

For: 22

Against: 0

Abstention: 3

This motion passes.

d) Piano

This motion requires two thirds assent to pass.

RCSA Notes:

1. That many students who are not studying academic music enjoy playing the piano to a high standard.
2. That there are currently only two pianos available to these students, in the music room and music practice room.
3. That the piano in the music practice room is very old and of poor quality and that little enjoyment can be derived from playing it.
4. That many of the pianos provided for the personal use of music students are also of poor quality.

RCSA Believes:

1. There should be more than one decent piano available for student use.
2. An upright piano good enough for most students could be purchased for around £4000 -£5000 (e.g. <http://bit.ly/1NfT4Xo>)

RCSA Resolves:

1. To buy a new piano.

Proposer: Jake Dyble

Seconder: Alice Zanghi

FOR

Jake Dyble (JD): Basically there's only 2 pianos in college that everyone has access to. One in the music room which is good but the one in the music practice room is really terrible, to the extent where it's not really good for anything. I think its pretty important as a lot of people get enjoyment from playing the piano and people looking round the college will be more impressed if there are 2 working pianos, so it would definitely be a good use of money. Yes, I didn't say where the money would come from as I don't know, but I think from the reserves.

Karl Thompson (KT): It can come from the reserves if it will be of lasting value to the college, which I think it will be.

AGAINST

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QUESTIONS

James Clark (JC): Would we get rid of the old piano then?

JD: I think there are pianos in music students' rooms that are actually a lot worse still, so one could be replaced by the old one from the music practice room.

MD: Where's the report?

JD: I didn't realise there had to be a report. There were no instructions for that.

GA: My bad.

MD: My only issue with the motion was technical but I actually think that it's a good idea and use of money so I'm willing to overlook it.

GB: Jake, if you just do a report and submit it to grace asap.

Niamh Spence (NS): So how much is it going to cost?

Clare Scott (CS): Between £4-5,000 and the reserves are currently at £26,000.

MD: You may want to say allocate £5000 because even if it is £4,500 there will be extra costs like delivery and tuning etc.

JC: Are you ok to pick the piano then?

JD: I'll talk to someone who is really good at piano and knows their stuff to get their advice.

Alex Maynard (AM): And I'm sure Simon will be willing to help.

VOTE

For: 22

Against: 0

Abstention: 3

This motion passes.

11. Any other RCSA business

There is no other RCSA business.